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Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Washington Administrative Code Clarification Change

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WAC 246-100-207 Proposed Change

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing –Ordering-Laboratory screening-Interpretation-Reporting

Except for persons conducting seroprevalent studies under chapter 70.24 RCW, or ordering or prescribing an HIV test for another individual under subsections (4) and (5) of this section or under WAC 246-100-208(1), any person ordering or prescribing an HIV test for another individual, shall:

(a) Obtain the **informed** consent of the individual, separately or as part of the consent for a battery of other routine tests provided that the individual is specifically **informed verbally or in writing** that a test for HIV is included;

Public Comments

Lifelong AIDS Alliance

Agrees that our proposed change:

- Aligns with Centers for Disease Control 2006 recommendations
- May remove barriers to testing, leading to an increase in the percentage of HIV positive people who are aware of their status
- Potentially reduces the spread of the virus

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